

## **DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, October 3, 2005**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19<sup>th</sup>, Wichita, Kansas 67214**

#### **Members Present**

Council Member Carl Brewer  
Treatha Brown-Foster  
Gerald Domitrovic  
Hayley Domitrovic\*  
Lori Lawrence  
Debra K. Miller Stevens  
Debby Moore  
Sharon Myers  
Steve Roberts  
Michael Ross\*  
Inga Taylor\*  
James Thompson  
Lois Tully-Gerber  
LaVonta Williams

#### **Members Absent**

Hayley Domitrovic\*  
Shontina Pickens-Tipton\*

#### **Guests**

Beverly Domitrovic, Schweiter NA  
Era Williams, Ken Mar NA  
John Youle, 1300 E. Lewis  
Greg Burge, 6912 Crowden Circle  
Rob Hartman, PEC  
Charlotte Thompson, 1417 Fairmount

#### **\*Alternates**

#### **City of Wichita Staff Present**

Virdena Gilkey, Neighborhood Assistant  
Jess McNeely, MAPD  
Officer Rose, WPD

### **Order of Business**

#### **Call to Order**

**Council Member Brewer** called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Roberts (Thompson)** made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried 8-0.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

**Roberts (Thompson)** made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Public Agenda**

#### **1. Scheduled items**

No items submitted.

#### **2. Off-agenda items**

No items submitted.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **3. Police Report**

**Officer Rose** reported the following: 1) 23 Beat reported that at 212 South Greenwood there was a complaint filed and from this complaint was found drug activity, aggravated assault, a dead carcass in the back yard, five inoperable vehicles, and three to four pit bulls. OCI and Environmental Services were contacted and the owner received three citations and Animal Control investigated the dogs. SRS was contacted and one child was removed from the home. Also, there is prostitution and

drug activity along south Broadway and special assignments were made to address this situation; 2) 21 Beat held their quarterly team meeting to brainstorm ways to address problems. Also, 21 Beat has a larceny problem on the fringes of DAB 1 and 6; and 3) 22 Beat is experiencing an increase in call load for homeless victims. A survey was conducted to identify problems and needs. One of the issues is a church feeds the homeless in Heritage Park, so they don't leave to seek shelter. The majority of the homeless are not violent. Secondly, there has been no increase in graffiti in the area of the Waterwalk and Gander Mountain. Lastly, the new Skate Park is in this beat and a meeting was held to identify safety issues needed to upgrade the park. Considerations are fencing, additional lighting, and a pay phone. Fliers will be distributed to schools through the SRO's to address skate tagging, which would damage the concrete.

*(Officer Roses' response is in italics)*

**Brewer** inquired about the torn down fencing and future problems. *The temporary fence has been torn down, but the railing was not damaged. That will be addressed by removing the damaged fencing. We are hoping that once the park is up and running that there will be more ownership in the park. We are looking into video monitoring along with additional lighting and the telephone.*

**Brown Foster** asked if all four pit bulls were removed? *No, we removed only two that the owner had left. The other two remained because they lived with the resident.*

**The board received and filed.**

**4. PUD2005-00004 PUD #20 21<sup>st</sup> Street Kids and Family Empowerment Planned Unit Development**

**Jess McNeely, MAPD**, explained that the applicant, the City of Wichita, is requesting a change for a Planned Unit Development that would exist on four parcels of land, totaling 32 acres. Parcel 1 is located east of Jardine Drive and is intended for the TOP Facility. Parcel 2 is on the west side of Jardine Drive and land use options are governmental services, recreational uses, day care, etc. Parcel 3 is located on the turnaround loop of Jardine Drive and is where the new Boys and Girls Club facility will be located. Parcel 4 only has access from 25<sup>th</sup> Street North and possible uses include governmental services, recreation uses, and school and community assembly. The area described was formerly known as the Institute of Logopedics and then Heartsprings.

He further explained that the setbacks are 35 feet for the perimeter property lines; 10 feet along Parcels 1 and 2 and 20 feet along Jardine Drive in front of Parcel 3. The setbacks along Jardine Drive are set for pedestrian traffic. Signage will be one monument sign 25 feet high and 250 square feet. Also, the campus proposes angled parking.

MAPC approved the request on September 22, 2005.

*(Jess McNeely's response is in italics)*

The board was concerned with the following: 1) is blocking off the area with fencing the right thing to do? *We believe so. The area will be developed for pedestrian access so that vehicles cannot get through;* 2) Does the signage fall outside of the general perimeters? *No. The signage is appropriate for land use;* 3) was the neighbors notified about the change? *Yes. We mailed notification to the property owner, not the residents. If they do not own the property, they did not get notified;* 4) what did the residents say that showed up? *The main concern was if the City was purchasing their property and what the actual plans are;* 5) has Jardine Street named been changed to Opportunity Drive? *That has not happened.*

No citizens spoke in opposition of the request.

**Roberts (Domitrovic)** made a motion to recommend approval of the request based on staff recommendation. Motion passed 8-0.

**5. CON2005-00036**

**Jess McNeely, MAPD**, explained that the applicant, Hope Properties II LP, Matt Catanese, is requesting a change for Conditional Use for multi-family residential. The proposed use is to include parking, recreation facilities, and a laundry facility to be used for the greater multi-family development. The current zoning is "TF-3" Two-family Residential and has a duplex currently on the property. MAPC approved the request on September 22, 2005.

*(Jess McNeely's response is in italics)*

The board was concerned with the following: 1) the area seems small for all of the amenities that will be placed on the property. *The proposed use meets all of the building codes*; 2) what is the surrounding neighborhood association saying? *We have not heard from the Fairmount Neighborhood Association, but we did have one resident object and we explained the project to him*; 3) how will the project be funded? *Funding issues are not our concern*; and 4) will this project improve parking? *Actually, yes it will. The additional parking would improve the parking zoning requirements.*

No citizens spoke in opposition of the request.

**Thompson (Brown Foster)** made a motion to recommend approval of the request. Motion passed 8-0.

**Unfinished Business**

No items submitted.

**New Business**

No items submitted.

**Board Agenda**

**6. Updates, Issues, and Reports**

- **Brown Foster** announced the Wichita Police Department would be hosting training, Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. She asked each board member to announce the training to their associations. The following is the schedule for the event:
  - 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: Neighborhood Watch & Senior Services
  - 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: Internet & Child Safety
  - 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.: Home & Personal Safety
- **Williams** reported the following:
  - The Neighborhood University, Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>; 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Law Enforcement Training Center. City Manager Kolb will be opening up the training and lunch will be provided for \$5.00.
  - Lights On Afterschool will take place on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to emphasize that lights will be on after school for student to meet their academic achievement goals. The Wichita Public Schools in partnership with the YMCA will host this event.
  - Mowing has not been done along the railroad tracks.
- **Brewer** announced that he will be meeting with all neighborhood groups in the coming months and asked that associations contact staff to schedule visits between now and the first of the year.

- **Brewer** announced the next District 1 Coalition Breakfast will be held Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and the District Advisory Board 1 Meeting will be held Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **Taylor** announced that the Piatt Park Memorial Fundraising Project will take place on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>; noon – 6:00 p.m. That evening, Ann Garvey and Rudy Love will open their home for a fundraising event for \$35.00 per person.
- **Brewer** commented that he had a meeting with members of the Nation of Islam and they are asking to be involved in the community. They are trying to change their image and asked to sit on boards and assist with neighborhood issues.
- **Brewer** commented that the Community Unity Day was a success and the Wall Dedication Ceremony went well. He thanked Virдена for all of her hard work on the project.

With no further business, **Stevens (Williams)** made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virдена Gilkey  
Neighborhood Assistant